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Some people read the news — and some people make the news. You asked. We answered.

Q: We followed the thrilling stories of Bat Boy's joy ride in the stolen Mini-Cooper back in January. Is he still on the lam, or have the police caught up with him?

— *Anthony and Elizabeth M.; San Francisco*

A: Bat Boy, who led cops on a high-speed car chase through three states, seems to have gone deep underground — literally. Sources familiar with the ways of the fugitive freak believe he's working out in one of his hidden lairs, preparing to rejoin his old U.S. Marine Corps unit and fight Saddam Hussein.

Q: Is former First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton still seeing her space alien boyfriend?

— *Dwayne C., Battle, Mont.*

A: Sadly, E.T. and Hillary are no longer an item. Friends tell us the ET got fed-up with playing second fiddle to Hillary's career in the U.S. Senate, and walked out on her after she took a call from a staff member during a romantic interlude. E.T.'s pals say Hillary is desperately trying to patch things up, but he's refusing her phone calls and has returned several gifts she sent to beg his forgiveness.

Q: Are the world's fattest twins still a couple of blubbery troublemakers, or have they decided to change their ways — and their eating habits?

— *Loretta G.; Baton Rouge, La.*

A: Boris and Helga Stecker have vowed to behave since being arrested for catnapping Tonya, the world's fattest cat, in August 2002. "Boris and I lost a lot of weight from the stress," reveals Helga. The corpulent couple weighed a combined 1,000 pounds, but dropped to 1,500 pounds after spending several days in jail. Since their release, they've been able to gain it all back.

WORLD EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH OSAMA BIN LADEN!

Bin Laden sat down with WWN correspondent George Sanford in an undisclosed location in Pakistan for a one-on-one interview. Speaking through an interpreter, Bin Laden opened up with surprising candor in the 25-minute exchange.

BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN DEEP — and 9 more LIES you've been told all your life!

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STATUE OF LIBERTY IS CRYING REAL TEARS!

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NEW YORK — Political scientists have confirmed that the Statue of Liberty is crying — tears dropping that could contain a staggering 4 gallons of water.

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'KULPA'S KOLUMN' LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Big news, folks. We've hired a new editor for Weekly World News. He has long black sideburns, wears a white jumpsuit, and goes around saying, "Thank you very much."

That's right — Elvis has entered the building, and is now a member of the WWN staff!

April Fools!

Now that I've gotten my token April Fools' Day gag out of the way, we can get down to the serious business.

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I was as stunned as anyone when Osama Bin Laden contacted one of our top reporters, George Sanford, for an exclusive interview. The Al Qaeda mastermind has been on the run for a year and a half now, and this is the first major interview he's done with any U.S. publication since 9-11.

Osama reveals some shocking secrets in this eye-opening interview, including his plans for another attack on America, the truth about goats and how he really feels about Saddam.

But we've got lots more than just the ramblings of a raving lunatic.

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Reports are coming in of a Second Great Depression, which will have everyone looking like bakers — unless they're getting richer while everyone else is getting poorer. Page 6 of this issue shows how you can make money out of misery.

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Speaking of misery, when I drive my daughter to school, she insists on playing crappy rap music — so I've probably heard more Eminem tunes than any grown man should have to hear. Me, I'd rather eat a one-pound bag of M&M's than listen to Eminem sing, but I never thought the rascally rapper was satanic.

Now a shocking new report has got me wondering: Is Eminem the Antichrist? The story on Page 18 may convince you that Slim Shady is even shadier than you thought.

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There are lots of other great stories in this issue of Weekly World News, folks. Check 'em all out — then drop us a line and let us know how we're doing!

Dick Kulpa, Editor-in-Chief

NEW DIET PILL TRANSFORMS FAT INTO MUSCLE!

By VICKIE YORK
Weekly World News

ZURICH, Switzerland — Forget about fad diets and killing yourself pumping iron at the gym. A new pill can turn porky couch potatoes into fit and firm Tarzans and Janes overnight — because it transforms fat into muscle!

"This is a remarkable breakthrough," declares Swiss science writer Peter Holtsman. "Until now, fat cells were fat cells and muscle tissue was muscle tissue and never the twain could meet. But this new state-of-the-art technology actually reconfigures fat cells at a molecular level.

"Theoretically, a morbidly obese man can have his unsightly 'male boobs' turned into bulging pecs like Arnold Schwarzenegger's and an overweight woman can turn her flagging 'thunder thighs' into super-athletic legs like those of tennis star Serena Williams."

PETER Holtsman

Indeed, the Zurich-based manufacturer of the new miracle drug plans to give it a spectacular demonstration, by testing it on the world's fattest living man. It all goes according to plan, the colossal Horst, 41, will be transformed from two tons of quivering flab into a walking mountain of muscle.

"He'll look like a comic book superhero and could actually have the strength of a dozen men — after spending decades as obese that he can't even walk," said Dr. Holtsman. "We expect he will make us all celebrity spokesmen for this product."

The pill works by chemically "reprogramming" fat cells, according to the manufacturer, Altsberg Pharmaceuticals.

Clinical trials of the drug conducted in Switzerland have been impressive. Of 172 men and women who tried the pill for three months, all but four experienced a 45 percent or greater shift in the ratio of fat to muscle.

"The before and after photos are amazing," says Holtsman. "You see immense, podgy buttocks become tight, firm glutes and giant 'beachball' bellies become six-pack abs — all with no exercise."

The wonder drug will be marketed in Europe early next year. The company expects the product to be available in the United States within two years.

Couple sues over interrupted lovemaking

HANOVER, Germany — A vacationing German man and his wife are suing a hotel for $4,000 compensation because a chambermaid repeatedly interrupted them while they were making whoopee in their hotel room!

The miffed lovebirds are seeking $4,000 compensation because the obnoxious maid walked in twice as they romped in bed — even though they'd hung a "Do Not Disturb" sign outside the door. The mood-ruining interruptions spoiled the couple's dream vacation in Cuba, they claim.

Out of LEFT FIELD

By BOBBIE BENDER
Weekly World News

Reach out and shoot someone

The next time you get angry at a person talking on a cell phone, beware. It might be loaded!

French police confiscated two lethal cell phones that could both fire four bullets each. The triggers were located in the digital touch pad.

These firing phones, which look exactly the same as the real ones, were found during a raid of a suspected gangster's home in Rouen.

Kind of gives a whole new meaning to "Dial it for Murder!"

Now that's using your head!

If people tell you, you've got a big head, that could turn out to be a good thing!

A marketing company in England called Counting Sheep of London, wants to lease out the foreheads of cash-strapped college students for billboard-type ads.

These temporary forehead tattoos will be in full view starting next month.

I'm guessing bald guys will make twice as much money — you can see their ads when they're coming and going!

A fork and the road

If you ever drive through the Hudson Valley in upstate New York, you might find yourself asking, "What the fork?"

That's because there's a giant metal fork in the road!

Local businessman, Steve Schreiber, erected the 31-foot silver utensil and put it at the intersection of two roads in 2008.

This fabulous fork is made of scrap steel and took more than nine months to complete.

"I did it as a gag," says the sculptor. "I didn't think they would let me leave it there."

In other words, he figured there was "no forking way" that his sculpture would stay!

Send me your stories

Hey, gang — if you've got any stories you'd like to see me write about here, send them to:

OUT OF LEFT FIELD, c/o Weekly World News, 5401 NW

Let those stupid Frenchies have Saddam...

they deserve each other!

Dear Editor,

Saddam wants to move to France? Good! Let him!

Back in the Big One, I met this French girl at a cafe in Paris and she said she'd come to America and marry me. Well, she never came.

The whole country of France is nothing but a bunch of backstabbing weasels. Saddam and the French deserve each other.

Walter P.
Raleigh, N.C.

We've said it before, and we'll say it again: Nobody likes the French! (Except guys who are into girls with hairy armpits!)

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Dear Editor,

After reading your article last week on pygmy demons, it occurred to me they might be the reason my cats' food bowls are empty every morning. Our cats sleep all night with us in bed, yet their bowls manage to get emptied overnight. Can you ask your paranormal investigator if these pygmy demons eat cat food?

Randy B.
Pittsburgh, Penn.

We checked with the investigator on that case, and he said the pygmy demons do not eat cat food. You might have poltergeists or maybe even ghost pets that haunt your home at night.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Dear WWN,

I went to a foreign food market and tried Bin Laden-Os. Even though they are good at making weapons of mass destruction, their cereal is really awful! Geez, I'd rather be blown up than taste that crap again!

Anonymous
New York, N.Y.

We never tried Bin Laden-Os, but we heard they tasted like camel droppings. By the way, you seem to have mixed up Osama with Saddam, but that's a popular mistake. Happens all the time. At least there's no cereal called "Saddam Flakes" yet!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Dear Sir,

I would like to know why you would even put an article such as "Meet The World's Biggest Brat" into your paper. Little Liam Hutto needs to be smacked soundly and put into intensive therapy as do his parents. Otherwise, he'll be thinking, "I'm a celebrity and I can outdo myself to get even more attention."

I wonder what people will say when he murders his parents or dog or chums. I'll put a sign on him that says, "Keep away from humanity — this boy is dangerous to your health." Maybe in 20 years, you can do a follow-up with him in a correctional institute.

I'd like to know if the parents paid for the photographer's camera that little monster threw in the toilet. Saddam seems angelic in comparison to that kid.

Paul P.
Denver, Colo.

You may be right with that Saddam comparison, Paul. That tyke is a terror. Let's just be grateful the World's [redacted] Brat hasn't gotten his hands on any weapons of mass destruction yet!

SADDAM EASTERNERS may be good with weapons, but their like Ladon-Os, were stinko.

Here's our Weirdo Letter of the Week!

Dear Editor,

I am Stephen G., a prophet and End Times journalist.

I asked God to put me in the position of Speaker of the House and stop corruption in Congress and impose unrelated politicians on TV daily. I told him to make an example under me stop. He refused to get the world 2004 but it can be prevented if they take me seriously.

The Lord has left for allowed from Congress under my head.

Stephen G.
Cheyenne, Wy.

Stephen, you sound like you'd make an excellent leader. Hopefully Bush will give you a call.

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PAGE 5 GIRL!

British babes let it all hang out

They're turning England into a giant nudist colony!

"I BURNED my bum and boobs," claims one bold Brit. Are there any volunteers out there to slather on a little aloe for her sunburn?

LONDON — Forget what you've heard about stuffy English women with stiff upper lips — the latest fad among the Queen's female subjects is waltzing around buck-naked!

Bookings at England's nudist resorts have reportedly climbed 200 percent — mostly eager-beaver gals who can't wait to cavort in their birthday suits.

Thanks to the flesh-flaunting fad, there are now an estimated one million nudists in England, packing 120 naturist clubs and 14 naturist beaches.

Bottom-baring British babes cite the friendly atmosphere at nudist resorts.

"There was none of the bitchiness of clothed beaches of people comparing sizes and bikini styles. Everyone was friendly and said hello when we walked past," 19-year-old telemarketer Jenna Cave of Falmouth, Cornwall, told a reporter after visiting a bevy in all-hang-out resort for the first time.

"The only problem was that I didn't put strong enough sunlan lotion on my bits that hadn't been exposed before, so I burned my bum and boobs, which were quite sore."

Well-endowed 25-year-old housewife Clare Davies, of Kettering, another newbie to nudism, loves playing tennis in the altogether — although she admits it can be quite uncomfortable without a sports bra.

"I'm 36F and they do jiggle about," she said in an interview. "It's also quite embarrassing when the ball goes off court and you have to run after it and bend down to pick it up. I'm always checking if there's no one behind me."

And a female pal stripped naked on the beach for the first time.

"It was embarrassing when we first took our bikinis off, as we weren't used to it and it was a huge beach. There must have been about 20 people on it, of all ages and sizes," she recalls.

"Initially I couldn't help but take a sneaky look at the men, but I didn't want to be caught staring, so I put my sunglasses on."

Free-spirited Jenna loved the eye-popping experience so much, she later flew to a nudist resort in the Canary Islands where vacationers can swim, sail and even shop in the village without a stitch on.

But not everyone is thrilled about all this bare flesh. One British fashion maven, Leslie Bowles Herbin, expressed her disgust at the trend.

"It's simply undignified. All these people prancing about

WANNA TAKE A DIP?

Dazzling Doris Dozy is our Page 5 girl this week, and she's got curves to spare! Doris lives in frigid New York, so she's been covering up all winter. But she can't wait till summer comes and she can show off her fantastic form!

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Survivalist's guide to success during coming economic collapse!

SECOND GREAT

THE Great Depression was a walk in the park compared to the social and economic holocaust that's facing America today, but you can get filthy rich while everyone around you is going broke with the breakthrough tips you'll find in renegade economist Dr. John Paul Tofflesen's controversial new book: *In the Money: Depression Secrets of the Super Wealthy*.

According to the book, America is just weeks away from a Wall Street crash and financial collapse of such intensity and depth that it will strip away the underpinnings of our society and possibly even civilization itself — leaving as many as 140 million Americans to make-do without food, water, power, medical care or police protection while crazed looters, gangs, escaped convicts and even cannibals run wild in the streets.

And Tofflesen isn't talking about a short-term "inconvenience" that might disrupt your life for a week or two. He's talking about murderous anarchy that could rage unchecked for years or even decades before we even begin to see the light of day.

And that, says the economist, is good news for people who don't mind getting rich off the misery of others. The longer the downturn lasts, he notes, the more money you can make in a variety of "borderline-legal" and "semi-ethical" but high-paying home businesses like kitchen dentistry, toilet-paper gouging, road-kill take-out, unlicensed beer, wine and whisky sales, amateur prostitution rackets, backyard burial services and many, many more.

"The scenario isn't pretty, but make no mistake — it can work to your advantage if you go to work without delay," declares the Washington, D.C.-based expert.

DR. JOHN PAUL TOFFLESON

"For starters, you should hoard items that everybody will need after the collapse — items like toilet paper, condoms, knives, guns, bullets, birth control pills, clean water and food.

"You also need to prepare yourself psychologically to take advantage of neighbors, family members and friends in the toughest of Fortune 500 traditions. This is not a strategy for 'people who care about people.' It's a strategy for people who care about money — and who want to get rich at any cost.

"The good news is that you don't need a lot of money to make a lot of money during a depression. A basic understanding of capitalism — and a willingness to put compassion on the back burner while you extract wealth from desperate people in desperate need — are all it takes to accumulate riches in the worst of times."

Here, from Tofflesen's book, are some down-and-dirty ways to turn hard times to good times:

■ It's easier than you think to become an unlicensed doctor, surgeon or dentist. When the economy collapses, Americans lose health insurance and the ability to pay for medical care. Doctors — even self-proclaimed doctors and self-taught dentists — will be in high demand, and, up to a point, you can name your price. Study survival manuals now to learn tricks of the trade.

For example, few people know that the best way to extract a painful abscessed tooth when there's no dentist around is to use a string to attach it to a doorknob — and then slam that door shut.

Now you do — and it's just one of many medical procedures that you can charge for during the coming 2nd Depression.

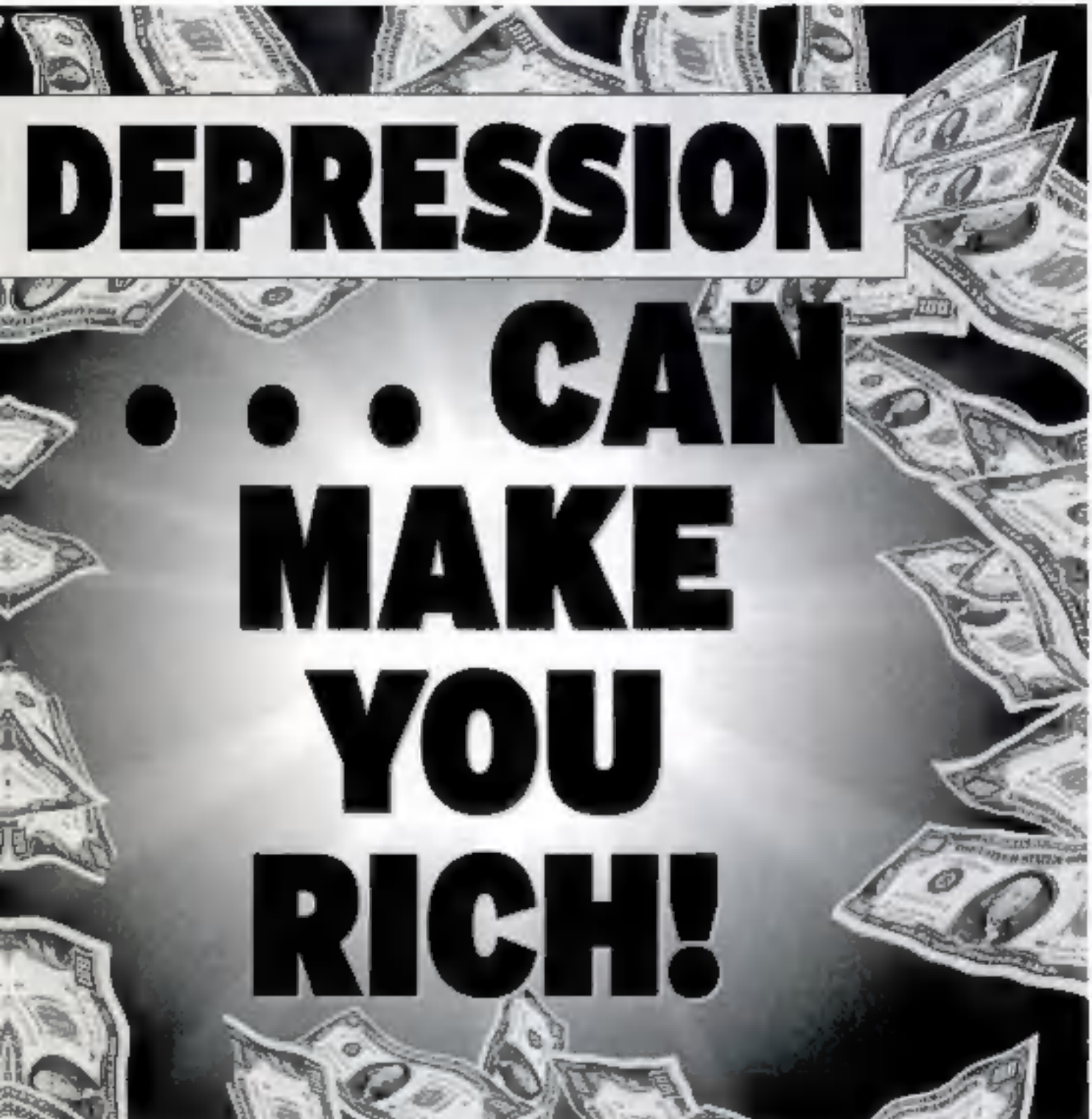
■ Work "under the table" as an undertaker. People die regardless of the state of the economy. And suicide rates are sure to soar. Licensed undertakers charge a fortune for funerals and cemetery plots. You can cash in by offering cut-rate services, including backyard and landfill burials. Scour the Internet and your local library now for embalming strategies and tips on conducting funerals.

■ Sell guns and ammo. If Tofflesen is correct, and convicts and looters and even hungry cannibals are running wild in the streets, terrified people — including former gun control nuts and criminals who use a lot of ammo during the normal course of "business" — will pay any price for what you've got.

■ Learn how to kill, dress and cook pets and serve them up as take-out from your own kitchen. With meat and all food in short supply, dogs and cats will start looking mighty tasty. And you'll be able to catch all the critters you can cook in your own neighborhood.

Prepare now by familiarizing yourself with methods of preparing and presenting "damaged goods" in an appetizing way.

■ Survivalists agree that the hottest commodity during a depression — when manufacturing and distribution of consumer items will grind to a halt — will



now and just a few months after the collapse, you can name your price.

● Stock up now on the ingredients you need to make homemade whisky, wine and beer. Nothing makes people

their brains at reduced prices.

● Learn to read palms, tell fortunes and give psychic readings. The depression will leave people anxious and in despair over what the future might hold for them. And you

carbon tablets now so you can sell a commodity that is even more important than food — water. Thirsty people will pay anything for a drink — and when city water systems shut down, you'll have the means

bartering techniques so you can take advantage of people who have no money to pay for your services. "Why trade a gallon of water for a reclining chair when you can get a pick-up truck?" asks Trifleson.

theater. But entertainment-starved patrons will pay you to visit. Remember: With the power turned off for lack of payment, and their home entertainment systems sitting idle, people will still want to

AMAZING ANIMAL 'TALES!'

By KATE McCLARE
Weekly World News

HAPPY HOOVES are kept protected from hoof rot with fancy, brightly colored socks.

THIS FLOCK'S IN SOCKS!

WILTSHIRE, England — Lambs at a fancy animal refuge are really living in style. They're wearing brightly colored socks to protect their feet!

Stephen Banks, a sheep farmer at the popular Longleat Estate animal attraction, dressed the lambs' feet to protect them from rot. The young critters have been cooped up in their barn during cold weather, and that brings an increased risk of hoof rot from standing on wet straw all day.

The kicker here is that Banks is using extra socks from a supply that had been donated for another group of Longleat animals: Chipmunks.

Someone had donated the footwear to keep the chipmunks warm — as they sleeping bags!

JUMPING for joy. This pooch and his owner dance the night away.

Doggie Disco

MIAMI — Dance is the latest craze sweeping the pet world, and a twinkle-toed terrier named Ruffles is top dog on the dance floor!

"It's Saturday Night Fever all over again," gushes a patron at Club K-Nine.

The doggie disco doesn't have its own venue, but is one of several theme nights offered by various clubs throughout the week.

Ruffles is a favorite performer for local fans of dog dancing, which started in Canada in 1989 and quickly spread to the U.S. and Great Britain.

"Ruffles loves hip-hop and we taught him a few break-dancing moves like people used to do," says one of K-Nine's promoters. "And he loves to do the Bee Twist if we hold him up by the front paws."

Organizers assure animal lovers that they take great pains to avoid hurting the dancing dogs.

"We only let the really experienced dogs try swing dancing, especially jitterbugging," says one of the promoters.

"But they'll do just about anything else. Line dancing is really big, and old-fashioned stuff like the limbo."

"When the music starts they just trot right onto the dance floor with their tails wagging all over the place."

Ants on the attack!

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Fiery ants are causing BIG problems around the world. Experts say the little pests are wiping out entire animal populations. And ants in one species are actually turning on each other because incestuous inbreeding has made them hostile to their own kind!

● **INVADING ARMY.** Argentine ants have been migrating all over the world since the early 1900s, hitching rides on cargo ships that travel the globe. They're bred with each other and developed powerful super-colonies in foreign lands.

LUNCH! Ants devour a rodent carcass in a matter of minutes.

But that power could be the downfall of their species, because when other migrating Argentines jump off the boat, they get attacked by the in-bred Argentines who don't recognize the newcomer as one of their own.

But that's not such bad news in some places, where Argentines are wreaking havoc on native species.

● **STARVED OUT.** The California, which are starving to death because the Argentine ants are destroying the lizards' main source of food!

The Argentine ants are annihilating native ants, which are nearly 10 times their size. The bigger ants are the main food supply for California's coast horned lizards — which can't get enough nutrition from eating the tiny Argentine ants!

"The lizards are starving," says University of California biologist Ted Case.

But the lizards couldn't get them even if they wanted to. The Argentine ants are too fast for them to catch.

Starvation has cut the lizard population in half wherever the Argentine ants are in control.

● **ACID-SQUIRTERS.** Another species, known as "acrobat ants" in colonies as big as 300,000 workers, are causing problems in Australia. Conservation officials say the tough and terrifying creatures — who kill their prey by squirting acid — have slaughtered up to half the island's population of migrating land crabs.

"It's horrific," cries conservationist Christine Lee. "Ants are everywhere, and these ants are just marauding. It's far too awful for words."

But this is not just a crab problem. The crabs help keep the island's rain forest healthy by eating leaves off the ground.

So the rain forest is filling up with weeds, which threatens other important

HOW TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME!

Leading self-defense expert gives you tips on staying safe

THE CHOICE is yours: Do you want to be a helpless victim, or learn how to stand up for yourself and fight back?

BOCA RATON, Fla. — The world is a dangerous place — especially if you're a woman. However, it's easy to avoid being the victim of a violent crime, say experts. All it takes is a little common sense and forethought when you're out in public.

"Every year thousands of women are attacked or kidnapped simply because they weren't paying attention to what was happening around them," warns Nick Romanelli, a former cop who now travels the country hosting seminars on safety and self-defense.

"The world has changed, and not for the better. Random violence is up, and much of it is directed at women. But you can avoid being a victim by being aware, avoiding dangerous situations and knowing how to react when violence strikes."

Romanelli offers the following tips:

● Constantly monitor your surroundings and take steps to avoid potential threats.

By STANLEY DONALDSON
Weekly World News

Police believe they were. Sometimes this is as simple as crossing the street or ducking into a store to avoid dangerous-looking individuals.

● Make sure that your body language exudes confidence. Walk with your head up, and with a purposeful stride. Attackers prefer to prey on women who appear meek and weak.

● Always park in well-lighted areas with a lot of public exposure. And always check the backseat of your car before getting in.

● If you are parked next to a van, enter your car from the opposite door. Rapists often attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the victims are fumbling with their keys.

● When leaving the mall or other public venue, get in your car and immediately drive away. Going through your purse, writing notes or doing your checkbook gives the bad guys ample opportunity to jump in the passenger side and attack or rob you.

● Carry a cell phone with you for emergencies. A small can of mace attached to your key chain is also a good idea," says Romanelli. "If you decide to carry a gun, make sure you get a permit and take classes on how to use it."

PERSONAL safety expert, Nick Romanelli

● If your car breaks down, roll up the windows and phone for help and a victim. Ultimately, no one

harmless or well-meaning they may appear. Many women have been attacked because they let down their guard around a "good Samaritan."

ALWAYS carry a cell phone, so you can call for help.

● In public buildings, always take the elevator rather than the stairs.

● If attacked in a public place, scream "Fire" instead of "Help!" People respond faster to a threat of fire.

● Run if approached by someone with a gun. "The chances of an attacker hitting a moving target with a handgun are slim," Romanelli explains. "And even if you are hit, chances are it won't be a vital organ. So it's always better to flee rather than go with your attacker."

"Women today simply can't be too careful," concludes Romanelli. "When it comes to personal safety, it's always better to be suspicious and wrong than gullible and a victim. Ultimately, no one

Post-parade action is definitely NOT the big draw at the annual Snail Dragging Race in the Spanish town of Tricio. Contestants drag half-pound weights behind them, which probably doesn't help their performance. This year's winner was a real slug: Gomez, who finished the 9 4-inch course in seven minutes. That's a snore-inducing 1.3 inches per minute — no wonder the little girl in the upper-right corner is yawning!

WWN columnist Ed Anger heading back to Korea — to kick some Commie butt!

BOCA RATON, Fla. — It's been nearly 50 years since Ed Anger last set foot in Korea, but now, thanks to a special arrangement with the U.S. government, it looks like ol' Ed will be heading back overseas to kick some Commie butt!

In the event of a new Korean War, the fiery, outspoken 72-year-old veteran marine, who was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in the battle of Pork Chop Hill, will be sent to the front, where he will be commissioned as an honorary lieutenant colonel and oversee the command of a platoon of grunts.

"Ed Anger is an American hero," says a U.S.M.C. spokesman. "His patriotism is of the highest caliber, and he has legions of fans in all branches of the armed services."

By COREY MICHAELS
Weekly World News

would be honored to fight alongside Ed Anger."

Meanwhile, Anger, whose "My America" column has both rallied and riled Weekly World News readers for 11 years, has been sharpening his shooting skills at a local firing range in anticipation of his return to battle.

"We have been briefed on Ed's medical condition, and

eyed, goose-stepping smart-asses thumbing their noses at America while we're trying to take care of business in Afghanistan and Iraq," says a visibly agitated Anger.

"I was a crack shot as a young buck, and I've still got what it takes to cut down a geek a hundred yards out."

Anger, who suffered a near-fatal heart attack last July, will be watched over by a team of Army medics during his tour of duty in Korea.

The grizzled columnist smirks when told of the military's concern for his health.

"I came back from Korea with a steel plate in my head last time," says Anger.

"I plan to return the favor by putting steel in some North Korean heads, and if my ticker gives out or I take a hit, well, at least I'll die defending my country.

"I can't think of a better way to check out."

CHECK OUT WHAT ED SAYS ON PAGE 17!

Nerd nut memorizes entire dictionary

LUCKNOW, India — "Dictionary Man" has secured his place in history. He memorized an entire dictionary!

Mahawar Jain can even cite the page numbers for 90,000 entries in the *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*.

His achievement has been listed in India's version of

You could call it 'Premature Capitulation' . . .

IRAQI SOLDIERS SURRENDER — BEFORE WAR EVEN STARTS!

WHILE their leader, Saddam, may not flinch at the might of the U.S., Iraqi troops know their odds in a war against the superpower — and many are clamoring to stand down rather than face its wrath.

ABDALI, Kuwait — U.S. military [redacted] Persian Gulf found themselves facing an unexpected development when entire battalions of Saddam's chicken-hearted "defenders" begged to [redacted] taken as [redacted] even before the outbreak of the new war!

Reports of massive pre-war [redacted] surrenders at [redacted] camps along the Kuwait/Iraq border began making the rounds of officers' and enlisted men's clubs and chow halls as early as February 15, according to several eyewitnesses who had observed the enemy's cowardly actions firsthand.

"We've taken in about 2,500 of them so far," says a high-ranking official of the U.S. Army's 2nd Brigade, 3rd Armored Division who spoke to *Weekly World News* under [redacted] of anonymity.

"It's a bit unnerving to see 200 Iraqi soldiers coming toward you at once, but when they throw their guns on the ground, wave white flags and try to sing 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' you don't know whether to laugh or put your hand on your heart and stand at attention."

By AHMET FAROUK
Weekly World News

The Army estimates that 2,500 of the soldiers are currently being held in makeshift detention centers throughout Kuwait.

"The enlisted guys are scrubbing our latrines and washing our uniforms while the officers are stating the obvious, telling us everything we need to know to wrap this up in a hurry," says the official.

"They are actually taking the [redacted] out of this war by making things so easy for us."

A [redacted] with the 3rd Armored Division speculates that the massive defection of Saddam's troops was brought about by fear of terrorist chemical weapons that the U.S. military has recently developed.

"In the past few months there have been published reports about killer bees, mobile robots, high-powered microwave weapons and other hardware that the U.S. plans to use against the Iraqis," he said. "You can understand why it scared the pants off them."

On the eve of the war thoughtful servicemen wondered aloud whether the life-feared deserters will be sent back to Saddam or be granted asylum if the invasion of Iraq is called off.

"Well, I guess we'd have to send 'em back home," said one U.S. soldier.

Sources report that, angered by his treasonous troops, Saddam ordered all turncoats be "shot on sight."

It's no wonder that, as one U.S. soldier describes, "most of them

Furious Saddam orders that traitors be "shot on sight"!

PROTESTERS WANT BEER AS STATE DRINK!

MADISON, Wisc. — [redacted] state — long famous for its dairy farms and "cheese-head" football fans — to change its official beverage from milk to beer!

People for the Ethical Treatment [redacted] spots, chickens and cheese.

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WHO SAID IT?

TABLOID SHOWBIZ

'WACKO' JACKO OR 'BATTY' BARETTA

MJ poses with his longtime companion, Bubbles the Chimp

On the surface, it seems you couldn't find two more celebs than Michael Jackson and Bob Barker. But they might be more alike than you think! Check out these quotes from Wacko Jacko and Batty Baretta, and see if you can tell who said what. The answers are at the bottom.

Bare as Baretta poses with Fred the Cockatoo

1) "I'm just like anyone. I cut and I bleed, and I embarrass easily."

2) "I'm not going to lose another year."

3) "I was a salesman, before I was a teenager."

4) "In no way do I think that I am God but I do try to keep God's light in my heart. I am totally innocent of any wrongdoing and I hope these terrible allegations will all be proven false."

5) "Of course, I'm innocent. I'm not gonna be found guilty. Why? It's real simple: 'Cause God has never, ever deserted me. Can't say I haven't deserted him from time to time."

6) "But if you're sitting at my grave, I don't want you saying, 'Daddy, why were you a bad man?' See, I don't want that. And that's what I want to clear up here."

7) "I will say that I am particularly upset at the handling of this matter by the irresponsible, horrible press media. At every opportunity the media has distorted and manipulated these allegations to reach their own conclusions."

8) "I go at home. I'm lonely. I sit in my room sometimes and cry. It's so hard to make friends, and there are some things you can't talk to your parents about. I sometimes walk around the neighborhood at night, just hoping to find someone to talk to. But I just end up coming home."

9) "How do you kill a dead man? They [the police] took away my entire past. They took away my entire future. What's left for them to take?"

10) "My best friends in the whole world are children and animals. They're the ones who tell the truth and love you openly and without restriction."

11) "Jay Leno has got me blood rushing down his chin on television two or three nights a week and the people are laughing and enjoying it."

12) "I don't understand why they feel the need to make up things about me. I suppose if there's nothing scandalous to report, it's necessary to make things interesting."

13) "People think they know me, but they don't. Not really. Actually, I am one of the loneliest people on this earth. I cry sometimes, because it hurts. It does. To be honest, I guess you could say that it hurts to be me."

14) "Everyone who knows me will know the truth, which is that my children come first in my life and that I would never harm any child."

15) "In this place it's real simple. It's not, 'How are you doing?' You're alive or you're dead. You wake up in the morning, you win. You don't wake up, you win. ... Deputies say, 'Well, he's depressed, he's going to kill himself because he doesn't want to see his sisters.' But that's not true."

16) "If there were no children on this earth, if tomorrow somebody set forth were dead, I would jump off the balcony immediately."

17) "I ain't got no life. What am I doing ... I'm hanging[illegible] jazz clubs, sleeping with women I don't even know their names."

18) "I think kids are very special. I think they're the greatest inspiration for me. Kids and animals and God, stuff like that. I can't even explain them, they're so magic. When I'm around them I feel more alive. I think, them anything."

Weekly World News Poll: Who's Crazier — Jackson or Blake?

Both Robert Blake and Michael Jackson have faced criminal investigations — and both have also given high-profile interviews where they seemed a little bizarre.

Which of these one-liners do you think is loonier?

_] Michael Jackson: The King of Pop is the King of Duchess!

_] Robert Blake: This gun's not exactly playing with a loaded pistol!

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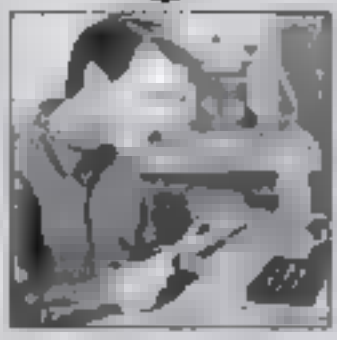

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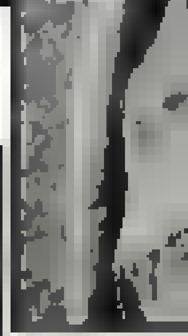
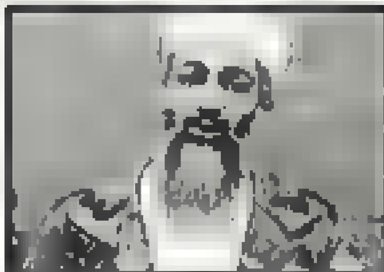
WORLD-EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH OSAMA BIN LADEN

World's most hated man tells all to WWN!



BOCA RATON, Fla. — For more than a year, teams of *Weekly World News* reporters have scoured the globe hunting for Osama Bin Laden, hoping to scoop the world with the interview of the century.

But ironically, it was Bin Laden who sought us out, summoning veteran *WWN* correspondent George [illegible] from his hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan, in the dead of night and having him [illegible] by Jeep, blindfolded, to an undisclosed location for a one-on-one interview.



HE'S "BIN" HIDING. Osama Bin Laden emerged from seclusion long enough to grant an exclusive interview to Weekly World News

Speaking through an interpreter, Bin Laden opened up with [illegible] candor in the 25-minute exchange. Here are excerpts.

GS: Mr Bin Laden, why have you chosen Weekly World News, out of all the many U.S. publications, to air your views?

OBL: Your paper has a reputation for truthfulness. But still, some half-truths [illegible] rumors about myself [illegible] there must be corrected.

GS: What is it you want the American people to know about you?

OBL: I am not the demon that the CIA [illegible] told you to believe. I am not a man of hate. I am a loving husband and a family man, a friendly person.

GS: How [illegible] feel about the American people?

OBL: I have great affection for the American people. It is simply that they must learn their place. When they send troops to impose their ways on others, Allah in his wisdom sees that they are punished.

MORE THAN 2,000 people died in the September 11th tragedy — but Osama says his next terrorist feat will [illegible]

[illegible] like is doped?"

OBL: First, I am not a lover of goats. In the countryside there are many goats. Sometimes a goat will take a liking to a particular man and follow him about and wish to sleep with him in his tent. Is that the man's fault?

GS: What other rumors do you feel are unfair?

OBL: That I have a gambling problem. I have never been to your sinful Las Vegas, and I would never gamble. That goes against the will of Allah.

GS: In a recent videotape, you said you expect to die soon. True?

OBL: Yes. I look forward to becoming a martyr. I expect [illegible] spectacle. [illegible] be surprised if you see it on television and if it takes place in America.

GS: Sounds like you're planning another attack like the one on the Twin Towers.

OBL: Oh yes. It will be even more spectacular than September 11.

GS: Could you drop us a hint?

OBL: No. I want you to be surprised. But it will [illegible] the World Trade Center attack look like a Sunday picnic. My men and I are really taking our time with this one, to make sure that it tops the last one. The pressure is really on for it to be even bigger and better.

GS: Do you really believe there are 72 virgins waiting for you in heaven?

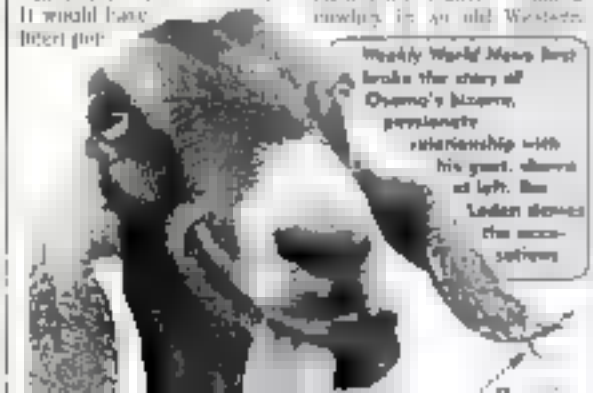
OBL: Absolutely. For me and every Islamic man. That's what this holy crusade

GS: Did you feel sorry for the people who died?

OBL: Yes, but remember, I have all eternity to satisfy them. I'll take my time and suffer.

GS: Looking back on September 11, do you have any regrets?

OBL: Certainly, one has regrets. The White House was to have been destroyed. It would have been great.



GS: If America were to pull all its forces out of the Persian Gulf right now and end its support for the state of Israel, would you call a truce?

OBL: I don't see what purpose that would serve. America has been invited into the region by Sir Elton John. When you see Sir Elton and Queen Rodger King-size on your video screen and rap music all over the world, you're bringing the wrath of millions of people all over the world.

GS: Anything about Arnold Schwarzenegger you like?

OBL: Well I am a fan of action flicks. Walter Hogan. She is wonderful. I wrote her a fan letter once but she never wrote back.

GS: If your jihad succeeds and you survive, where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

OBL: If I come out of this

OSAMA FACTS

BABE'S BARE BUTT ON BILLBOARD TOO BRASH FOR BRITS!

BIRMINGHAM, England — British advertising has finally hit rock bottom — with a new toilet-paper ad that features a young woman's bare buttocks!

The racy posters promoting Velvet toilet tissue have ignited a firestorm of controversy — and some furious family-values activists want the whole campaign wiped out.

A coalition in Birmingham called The Society Concerns Advance is protesting what it calls the unnecessary placement of the pantyless posterior posters close to schools and churches.

"We don't accept that in a democracy these things will exist but what we object to is advertising them in front of a school or any place of worship," a spokesman fumed.

"Parents have come to us and said how embarrassing it is when they cross the town school and they see these billboards."

The iceman cometh — and beateth a world record!

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Miffed at being snubbed twice by the Guinness World Records organization, a man in keeping his "ice content" record — an ice!

"I don't care about them any more, so I won't even send my record proofs," says Gilberto Cruz, who claims to have set a world record for spending 67 minutes inside a transparent box full of ice cubes.

The previous record — which is in the *Guinness* book — was about a minute shorter, Cruz says. He says the temperature inside the box was four degrees below zero Fahrenheit and damaged nerves in his arms.

The Brazilian daredevil says he doesn't care. "I do it for myself," he boasts. "It's not simply cold, it burns . . . but the bigger the challenge, the better."

Cruz says he's performed a number of other amazing feats which have not been acknowledged either. He claims to have stayed under water for more than 10 hours, ridden horseback for 85 hours and done more than 14,000 push-ups in 40 hours.

It seems there's one more record Cruz may have broken: He has the most broken records for one man who's not acknowledged by the *Guinness* book!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS POP CULTURE PUZZLE!

By GUNNAR & SHERRY JOHNSON

Name that corporate mascot

We've silhouetted some of the most famous advertising trademark characters and symbols of all time. But you can't guess just one! Answers are on Page 45.

Dead ape a hit with zoo goers

CHICAGO — Bushman, the giant gorilla famed for throwing dung at thrill-seekers during the Chicago World's Fair, is back — this time as a featured attraction at the Lincoln Park Zoo.

The only difference: He's dead and has been for 50 years!

Bushman died of old age and was stuffed in the 1930s after virtually lathe at the fair in 1933. Still handsome as a stuffed trophy, he hadn't been seen in public until brought out of "hibernation" by zookeepers.

DOG FETCHES HUMAN ARM!

HEATH, Scotland — A couple threw a stick for their playful pooch to fetch . . . and the dog came back toting a human arm!

The horrified animal lover discovered the arm came from a decomposing body that was floating near a river bank. Police called the death a suspected suicide and did

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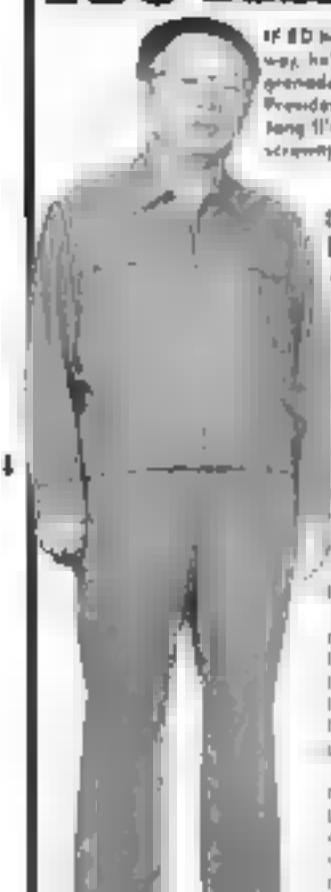
My America

BY ED ANGER

I'M HEADING TO NORTH KOREA

...and I'll be stomping some Commie rats!



IF ED had his way, he'd throw a grenade down President Kim Jong Il's security chute!

NORTH KOREA'S wimpy soldiers won't stand a chance against me and Uncle Sam, says Ed!

I'm gladder than Cpt. Klinger in a new dress that I got the O.K. from the Pentagon to re-enlist in the Marine Corp — so I can go back to North Korea and help finish the job we started 50 years ago!

That's right, folks. In case you haven't heard, I've volunteered to get back in uniform and ship out the minute war breaks out over there.

Sure, I can't wait for another shot at ... a bunch of those little Commie rats I missed the first go-round.

But 50 years of inside my blood boil watching those slanty-eyed, buck-toothed midgets ... their noses from across the border, daring us to come get 'em.

It'll be a blast using those outdated weapons that can wipe out a thousand gook suckers at a pop when they come streaming out in the rice paddies ...

... battle of Pork Chop Hill I was personally ...

Personally, smoking them as a group with a bazooka were Army officers ... would be ... and marines ... the ... Hoo-ah!

Hey, I'm just speaking from what I learned in Vietnam. I got down on the ground to find out why Ho Chi Minh's people were able to be ... a decade. Now, Pat Buchanan ... me and press ... the ... solution.

That'll teach folks to ... shoot off his mouth to the greatest country in the world!

I was ... going to fight in World War II and Dad's ... Then I ... to ... Then I was ... America's greatest war.

Even now, we're willing to ... and die for the good old U.S. of A. And more than ... Americans are ... gave their lives storming Omaha Beach on D-Day.

That's why they call those guys the Greatest Generation. Today's pampered generation doesn't understand that. That's why this is the Laziest Generation.

There weren't any sissy ... anti-war protesters in ... World War II, by ... Those guys ... Dinker ... they went to ... Hanoi ... Jane ... Hell, if I had ... I would've ... Ho Chi Minh ... Jane

Bad-boy rapper SOUNDS like the biblical Antichrist . . . He ACTS like the biblical Antichrist, BUT . . .

Is Eminem the Anti

Amazing research by *Weekly World News* has uncovered a number of coincidentally similar comparisons between the famed biblical Antichrist — and hot rapper Eminem!

And while a number of famed celebrities ranging from Michael Jackson to Ozzie Osbourne have been compared to the Antichrist, we point to our listing of 10 uncanny Antichrist/Eminem "synchronicities" that are simply too compelling to ignore:

FACT: The Book of Revelation says the Antichrist will speak in vile and wicked tongues "and hold all men in contempt." Eminem, 28, "cusses like there's no tomorrow" and "writes

By HERMAN JUNIOR

EMINEM'S raw music appeals to millions of fans worldwide.

and some items that are related to world leaders and businesses that religious groups and other activists have repeatedly tried to have banned, censored or burned outright."

FACT: The Bible makes it clear that the Antichrist will have an number.

Eminem has made it clear in repeated interviews that he despises his mother from whom he is estranged — often referring to her as "Mother Jade Scott, to be exact" — who

And Rolling Stone wasn't the only publication to research the number of Eminem's first and only child shares her birthday — December 21 — with the Jesus Messiah, Jesus Christ.

FACT: The Bible says the Antichrist will be known by the number of his name — 666

FACT: Various Christian scriptures, including those found in the Dead Sea Scrolls, predict that the Antichrist will be "as cold as a rain and hungry serpent that sleepeth in the shade."

FACT: The Bible warns that the Antichrist will offer to free men from sin to work Jesus, who gave his life to save men from their sins.

FACT: The Bible flatly states that people with eyes to see and ears to hear" will recognize the Antichrist for what he is — a false messiah — and despise him. While sinful people will adore him.

Eminem has been the first to admit that people "either love or hate" him, because I am not afraid to express myself and tell them exactly what I feel about them."

FACT: The Book of Revelation explains that the Antichrist will lead people away from God and by doing so condemn them to "the fires of Hell."

Even new members on the set of Eminem's first video, "My Name Is," showed that the Antichrist was at work in the world.

Jesus Christ, for example, got involved with a prostitute, Mary Magdalene, and pursued his religious career. Eminem, on the other hand, was arrested and sued for shooting paint balls at people.

Other traits of the Antichrist, as World Net Daily might say, Eminem has all those things in some shape or form.

"Hatred is the greatest curse of all these, but more. He's bigger than Elvis. And he's more influential," Judy Mather, a pop culture writer for the cutting edge, Christian website www.WorldNetDaily.com.

Editor Joseph Farah of WorldNetDaily.com, for his part, says he has never heard of the Eminem Antichrist conspiracy, but believes they go on the right track.

"Have you ever 'prayed to John Wallace and received an answer?' If what he does isn't the work of the Devil, then I don't know what is."

Photo illustration by Matt Rourke/AP

Police beat

THE WORLD'S [illegible]

By JAMIE MAIER / Crime Reporter

COPS BUST EMINEM LOOK-ALIKE IN 4-MONTH BANK ROBBERY SPREE!

NEWARK, N.J. — Lawmen say they've nabbed a suspected hold-up artist who became known as "the Eminem robber" during a four-month spree in which he robbed 12 banks.

The FBI says Michael R. Hannga, 44, who earned the Eminem nickname for his resemblance to the raunchy rapper, was busted after allegedly ripping off his twelfth New Jersey bank.

Four days later agents arrested Hannga's girl friend, 41-year old Robin M. Cummins, and charged her with being Hannga's accomplice.

The robbery suspect made it onto the FBI's Most Wanted list for the heists in which he reportedly stole more than $33,000.

He reminded people of Eminem for the way he looked and dressed in a ski cap and long, floppy sweatshirt, like the rap star.

"The bright lights called him that, and it's kind of taken on a life of its own," says Newark's FBI spokesperson Stephen Kadan.

Bank security photo shows the suspect, who people say could be rapper Eminem's double.

FBI'S MOST WANTED!

UNKNOWN SUSPECT

YOU COULD earn a $100,000 reward if you help lawmen catch this fugitive who's wanted for the cold-blooded kidnapping and murder of a 10-year-old boy.

On April 4, 1997, the FBI says, little Anthony Michael Martinez was playing with his two younger brothers and two friends in the backyard of his home in Beaumont, Calif. Then a man grabbed Anthony at knifepoint, put him in a vehicle and drove off.

ARTIST'S rendition of suspect

Anthony's body was found a few weeks later in a remote area about 20 miles east of Palm Springs, Calif.

Six years later, authorities have only this artist's sketch of the suspect to go on.

He is believed to be 35 to 45 years old, about 5 foot 6 and 160 pounds. He may have a mustache. At the time of the abduction he was wearing blue jeans, a dark-blue baseball cap and a long-sleeved, black-and-white baseball shirt. He may have had with a school-bound girl about Anthony's age.

Eastern shepherd named Baxter.

A reward of up to $100,000 has been offered by the County of Riverside, Calif., and the Riverside County Sheriff's Office.

CREEPY KIDS ROB CEMETERY OF SKELETONS — AND BRING THEM TO A PARTY!

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. — Cops say a perverted pair of teenagers stole the remains of three dead people from a cemetery and then entertained their friends by dressing the skeletons in silly costumes!

Sources say the creepy kids, who are 17 and 18, were busted after a teacher at their high school overheard them bragging and joking to friends about the ghoulish goings on.

They were indicted on felony charges of cemetery desecration, opening graves and body stealing, according to a spokeswoman for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. The arrested grave robbers turned out of jail and are awaiting trial.

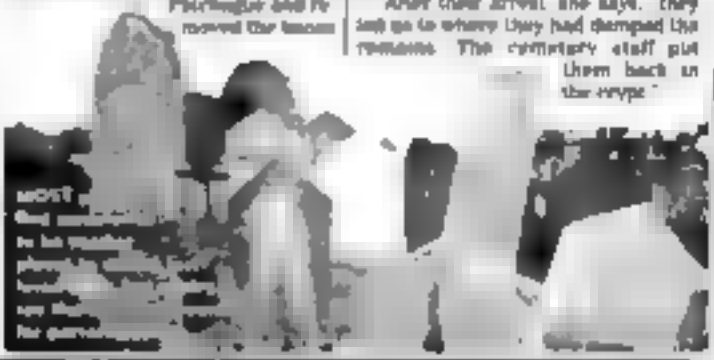
They pleaded not guilty, and face up to four years behind bars if convicted.

The spokeswoman says the boys allegedly broke into several crypts at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Patchogue and removed the bones of three people who had been interred there. One skeleton was the remains of a man who died in 1888. The others were from two people who died in 1933 and 1932, respectively.

Say cops

They took the remains to a party. One spokeswoman says, and got laughs by dressing up the bones. "One of them was made up like Darth Vader."

After their arrest, she says, "they just go to where they had dumped the remains. The cemetery staff put them back in the crypt."



Religious Romeo cons women out of their $savings!

DOPERS OF THE WEEK

Jewel thieves busted while counting their loot — in a public bar!

SANTIAGO, Chile — Two villains would-be thieves realized they'd robbed a jewelry store in a rampage of cops who were just trying to protect them from getting mugged!

The villains say they spotted two men counting a pile of money in a local bar. They didn't know the men allegedly had just robbed a jewelry store.

"We approached the men and advised them not to show off their money," says one [illegible]

That's when the cops noticed the men's pockets were bulging with jewelry.

And that's when the men broke down and confessed.

"They looked white as ghosts when the policemen approached," says a witness. "They

MEET THE WINNER OF OUR WORLD'S UGLIEST DOG CONTEST!

BOCA RATON, Fla. — As far as Joyce Dietrich is concerned, her little dog China is the most beautiful dog in the world — even if the *Weekly World News* staff does think China's the ugliest!

"I tell her all the time, she's gorgeous," says Joyce, whose 4-year-old pooch is the winner of WWN's Ugliest Dog Contest.

China was the clear winner in a field of mutts who look like they were dragged through the field and gleaned a little too long by the Ugly bone.

But China is actually a highly prized member of a specialty breed called hairless Chinese crested. And, Joyce tells us from her home in Venetia, Pa., China has even won blue ribbons in dog shows.

She entered China in our contest as a joke, and she's taking it all in a cute glimmer rather than an insult.

What all the guys (the second-place finisher is No. 1 — even in Not Imagining)

First runner-up — and plainly PO'd by this second-place finish — is Zoey, a mongrel with a corgi, chow-pal and pit bull on his dog family tree. His proud owner is Cheri Sienna of Playa Del Rey, Calif.

Finally, there's Impishino — but ugly — Little No Name. His owner, Patricia Dimler of Bridgeview, Ill., loves him so much she doesn't want to share anything more than his picture with Weekly World News readers! They also

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PHEW! THESE TOYS REALLY STINK

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — Break out the gas masks and have some duct tape ready to seal off a safe room in your house. You'll need all the protection you can get if your kid brings home one of the Stink Blasters!

By KATE McCLARE
Weekly World News

GHOSS figures, from left, Porta Potty Paul, The Master Blaster, Barfin' Ben, The Silent Gasser and Butt Breathe Bob, and 19 others will send you running

WATCH OUT! Your kid may bring Barfin' Ben home for dinner

They're a set of 24 figures who give off the powerfully putrid odors of garbage, body odor and other gag stinkers. You can get queasy just looking at some of these characters, who include Barfin' Ben, Master Blaster and Porta Potty Paul.

Even the people who make them are wary of the stink. "When we got the first bottles of the smells we were going to use, we had to go out in the parking lot to open them," reveals Barbara Lucas, an exec at Mattson Entertainment Group.

You have to squeeze a finger or a head to get it to stink. But once you do, the stench could be likely to reek like rotten old garbage. So for the safety of innocent noses and stomachs — especially in the aisles of the national retail store that's now selling Stink Blasters — each of the grimy-cute items is packaged in a double layer of leather wrap. And each figure has a special Stink

Lucas promises that Stink Blasters are less offensive than the name. "If mischievous little things that are into everything get to eat the toys and Mom has the product tested for safety by two independent laboratories."

Stink Blasters is just good old-fashioned nose fun, says Mike Preston, the Mattson vice president who launched the Bad Breath Man and

Blasters of the Month Club, which he worked at Mattel.

Preston is difficult to [illegible] Stink Blasters [illegible] probably stink, a trait the makers of [illegible] ours.

TAKE THE 'TOO MANY POLLS' POLL

WASHINGTON — A surprising new survey shows Americans are fed up with polls!

"I never want to take another poll again for as long as I live," wrote one respondent on the survey, which went out to over 1,000

By BARRY DUFFIN
Weekly World News

open a newspaper or your mailbox or even answer the phone without someone asking your opinion on something," fumes an

ings of the survey:

- 58 percent of those polled said they "hate answering polls."
- 34 percent called them "a complete waste of time."
- A whopping 76 percent said they consider poll results inaccurate and misleading.
- And 22 percent said

A spokesman for the marketing [illegible] that conducted the survey says "Americans have reached their breaking point when it comes to polls."

"People have been completely overwhelmed with these things. They're fed up, and

CLIP AND MAIL

How about you? Do you think the pollsters have gone too far? Fill out this form and send it in:

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☐ **YES!** I've fed up with polls! They are a total waste of time!

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Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE OLUMNIST

My son kidnaps pets for the reward money — and he's only 11!

Dear Dotti: My 11-year-old son is a very bright and enterprising young man, but sometimes I think his moneymaking methods are a bit misdirected. "Robbie" likes to distract people's pets, and he keeps them until they put a lost pet ad in the paper. Then he pretends to find the pet and collects a reward. No one that I know is aware of this yet, thank God. What should I do, Dotti? — Worried in Tucson

Dear Worried: Sounds like little "Robbie" could be the next [illegible] and with talented kids of that type you'll always have a home. That would make the entrepreneurial young pet napper

My parents think my girlfriend is a Martha Stewart clone!

Dear Dotti: My new girlfriend of [illegible] gives my parents a hard time. She criticizes their table manners and tells us mere "right" was to roast a turkey before we were home. She conducted a "white glove" dust inspection of their living room. Is there any way I can make my parents like her? — Heartbroken in Boise

Dear [illegible]

I want to sell our home and move into a tent!

Dear Dotti: I recently watched a documentary about Native Americans. I am convinced that their life is the life for me, and I would love to sell our four-bedroom suburban home and live as a reservation near here. My wife says I'm nuts and she'll leave me if I keep talking about it. How can I convince her that the Indian life is the "good life" and we'll be happy? — Closet Teepee-Dweller in Long Island

Dear Closet [illegible]

I used to be cool — but now I'm just a nerd!

Dear Dotti: When I was a teenager, I was the coolest guy in town. I used to get all the chicks and every guy in town wanted to be me. Now I'm in my late forties. I've put on 20 pounds and I'm losing my hair. What can I do to get back my coolness, Dotti? — Biker in Wisconsin

Dear Biker: Grow a ponytail

Should I pull my slime-bag boss out of the closet?

Dear Dotti: I am a 22-year-old female who is a secretary for a large corporation. My boss is the most arrogant, self-centered pig-nit I with the intellect of one until I'm almost every day. Last night, while surfing the Internet, I accidentally stumbled upon a gay porn site, and who should I see having the time of his life but my slime-bag employer! I am dying to out him in front of the whole company, but I thought I would ask for some advice first. — Miss Payback in Cleveland

Dear Miss Payback: Forget [illegible]

Hubby wants me to dress like Betsy Ross when we have sex!

Dear Dotti: My husband likes to dress up like a Revolutionary War soldier before we have sex and he makes me dress up like Betsy Ross. He refuses to make love to me unless we wear our outfits — and he always gets his way. Is there anything wrong with this, Dotti? — Betsy Ross in Waco

Dear Betsy Ross: Naturally, I'm [illegible]

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Catholic Girl in Boston: I can understand wanting to wait until you're married, but you've been married for a whole year now. Loosen up already!

Dear Scaredy Cat in Ketchum: The Eiffel Tower is made of steel. It won't burn in a million years.

Dear God's Gift in Houston: Every woman in America, eh? That should take a few years and a few tons of Viagra.

Dear Dale Earnhardt in Pasadena: She probably does look hot in a halter top — but she's still your cousin, ginnead.

Dear Soldier's Wife in Fort Angeles: I seriously doubt the State Department will let you go [illegible]

LET'S SALUTE THAT FLAG!

Are you feeling patriotic? Dawn Dunn stands 5'3", and her 340-38-34 frame is enough to make any guy want to stand up and salute. Friends describe Dawn as "the life of the party — outgoing and friendly with everyone." One look at her and we're thinking we'd like to see Stars and Stripes forever!

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Lauri Sachi-Hoban Kiesgen

Ugly ducklings do NOT grow into swans, bl

By FRED McMURPHY

TOP 10 L

SYDNEY, Australia — The "warm and fuzzy" truisms that most humans live by are really nothing more than a pack of wild and stupid lies, important new studies confirm.

"If you think you reap what you sow, you're wrong. If you think you meet people for a mysterious 'reason' and not just by chance, you're wrong. If you think beauty is only skin deep, you're wrong," Drs. John Felsmer and Elizabeth Carson-Lane started in a letter to the prestigious Australian journal Stanford Observer.

"You're also wrong if you think the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. It's not. If you think women talk more than men ... they don't. If you think fat people are happier and jollier than everybody else — they aren't.

"The list of popular beliefs that are refuted is long. The sad fact is most of us live by what amounts to little more than a tattoo world of fallacies, archaic lies and old proverbs. We have lived and died by ones that have no more logic to them than a child's imaginary playmate.

"We're not saying the right, simple rules would shock us. The ideals if people had to live the real hard facts of how without the comforting lies we

Dr Elizabeth Carson-Lane

Dr John Felsmer

1 Blondes have more fun

"Actually, the opposite is true," note the experts. "Studies have shown that brunettes are far more fun and outgoing than blondes.

"Blondes tend to be very sensitive. They can be cold and distant — not fun-loving at all.

"Brunettes are out as an all-around as blondes, so they are better able to loosen up and have a good time."

2 Still waters run deep

"It's commonly believed that men and women who are shy and don't talk much are best in thought and smarter than other people," say the experts.

"And yet, studies confirm that introverted individuals are almost always of average intelligence. They also are more likely than the average person to be psychotic.

"To many fast-landers, these 'still-water' peoples are little more than walking slow boats just waiting to capsize."

3 You reap what you sow

"Not so," say the researchers.

"Studies that compare the effort people put into reaching a goal with the degree of success they achieve show that only 13 percent of people get the reward they have worked for in four key areas — financial security, emotional security, general happiness and personal privacy.

"This means 87 percent of us aren't getting what we have worked for. We are not reaping what we sow — and it's never will."

4 Women talk more than men

"Women cry, nag and gossip more than men," say the experts. "But studies confirm that when it comes to counting the words that come out of their mouths, men and talk women at a rate of almost one million words to one."

Fat people are happier than trim folks

"Studies show that 40 to 45 percent of obese people are unhappy and seldom joke or laugh to a severe way — they laugh to keep from crying.

"A similar belief, that fat people, particularly women, have 'hearts of gold' doesn't jibe with reality, either. Studies indicate that fat drives being greedy and sloppy, fat people tend to be petty and grasping. These are hardly traits you would as

TOP LIGHT SMILE

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...hospital admits," say the researchers, who suggest that parents and children can use that information to their advantage.

"If your child is less than beautiful, learn to look beyond mere appearances to take pride in things you can do something about.

"You'll be sorely disappointed if you sit back and do nothing, believing that your ugly child will turn pretty as time goes on. The odds are stacked against you."

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[redacted]

"Only if he's impotent or lives in the drought-plagued Sudan," insist the scientists. "The vast majority of men respond better to sex than food."

8

We meet other people for mysterious 'reasons' rather than by chance

"People like to think they meet other people — such as soulmates, who somehow 'complete and fulfill' them — in ways that could only be orchestrated by a divine power," say Drs. Palmer and Carson-Lane.

"What they fail to recognize, and study after study confirms this, is that most of us are equally 'fulfilled' by dogs, cats, goldfish, a bowl of candy, ice cream, stereo gear, TV sets, fancy cars and a big house.

"There's nothing mysterious about any of this. Humans are, in fact, shallow and are easily fulfilled."

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Beauty is only skin deep

"Several intriguing studies indicate that physically attractive men and women are smarter, happier, healthier and more successful than people who are less attractive or downright ugly," explain the researchers.

"So beauty is more than a veneer — it speaks volumes about a person's character, psychological stability, health and intelligence, all of which tend to be as 'beautiful' as their bodies and faces."

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All men are created equal

"People like to think they have as much on the ball as everyone else but it isn't so," note the scientists. "If you don't believe that, get yourself a blackboard and a few boxes

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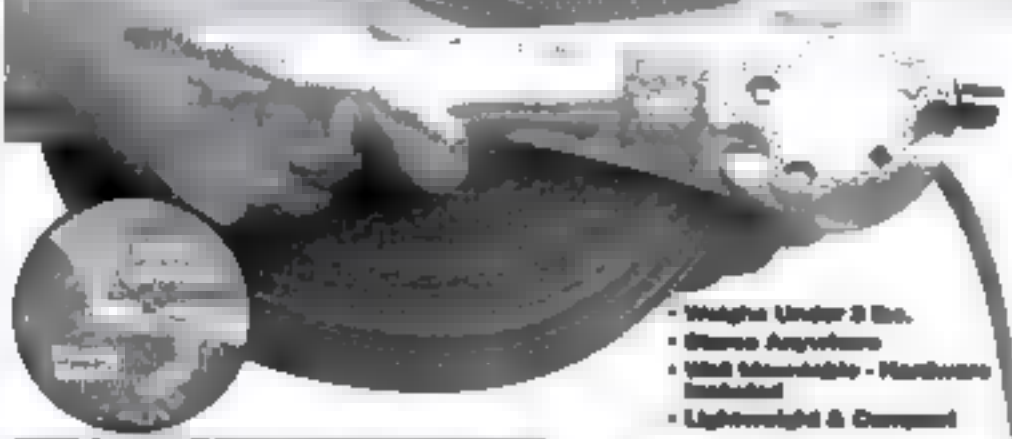

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CHINA DECLARES WAR — ON CHEWING GUM!

BEIJING — The world's most populous country has declared war — against chewing gum pollution!

Eight research organizations are racing to claim a $120,000 prize for developing a solution that will make it easy for street cleaners to scrub slobbery wads of used gum off pavement.

Leaders of the Chinese "Anti-Gum Program" publicized the need for the assault, declaring a gooey 700,000 globs of gum were spit by contented chewers onto the pavement of Tiananmen Square during the seven-day National Day holiday last October.

China, a nation of 1.3 billion souls, consumes a staggering 2 billion sticks of gum a year!

The gum dilemma has become a "big rubber translation headache," says Yu Xichun, director of the Science and Technology Office under the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Association.

Cleanup costs an average of 13 cents per piece. The "Anti-Gum Program" aims to lower that to 0.33 cents.

Eagle eats hunting dog!

HALLAND, Sweden — A dachshund was retrieving rabbits for a hunting party, but it became the prey when a golden eagle spotted it and grabbed up the poor pup!

Hunters watched in horror as the eagle flew off with the little dog to make a meal of him.

Experts have been issuing warnings that small animals are in danger from attack by birds of prey.

A cold spell sweeping northern Europe has forced eagles, hawks and other hunting birds to seek warmth near towns and cities.

The dachshund's owner will be able to replace the weiner dog at no charge. The Swedish government compensates owners of cats and dogs for damage and loss caused by bears, wolves, wolverines, lynx and eagles.

ANNOYING KIDS DRIVE MAN TO SAUCEPAN SUICIDE!

WORKINGTON, England — A retired man became so outraged by noisy kids playing in the street that he killed himself — using a saucepan to commit a deed far less than kind!

A coroner, who confirmed the manner of death for police, said Isaac Bishop "had stress about the children that lived in his street. That and other matters got on top of him."

The [illegible] added

Serena Sabak

AMERIC[illegible] PSYCHIC

Sonya's Weekly Message. Has today been an eventful one? Your favourite soap psychic is back for another week, ready to help out with all of life's little problems. I'm happy to report that my writer, Serena, is getting better and better every day, though she still can't quite up to answering your questions. That's good news for you, though, because everyone knows my advice is better. So keep writing. I'm looking forward to hearing from you! Love, Sonya.

My boyfriend beats me like a drum — but I still love him!

Dear Sonya: I've been dating my boyfriend for [illegible] months and lately he's been getting violent. He's always hitting me for little things and beats me when he gets drunk. And he's not very lovable, but he is good about helping me financially. Maybe I've stayed with him so long because I'm a bit overweight and have low self-[illegible]

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Now [illegible] the cards will give you an explanation of your fortune — and reveal to you the shape of things to come!

THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO NUMBERS

Weekly World News has purchased exclusive rights to the world's most powerful computer — and we use it to pick the six luckiest lottery numbers every week!

The Serena-built computer, called Bright Green, has the ability to calculate which lottery numbers are most likely to come up each week, based on previous performance and established tendencies. The numbers are good for the week Weekly World News is on the newsstand.

The computer spits all numbers selected up before across America over the past year to provide a statistical base for predicting future results. More value is given to the most recently selected numbers.

Using all available data, the computer picks the luckiest numbers for each week. Its picture

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What's that secret message from the Fortune Cookie this week? It's easy enough to decipher. Here's the key to decoding your message:

If the number of letters in your first name is 3 or less, subtract that number from 7. If you're six years old or more, subtract the total from 21.

Now take the result and find your key letter in the word ORIENT above. Then, starting at the upper left corner of the box at left, check each row of your key letters as it appears from left to right. The letters above each of your letters

Dear Sonya: I was out for a romantic walk today and was near the edge of a wheat field when I saw two flashes about two feet up in the air. I didn't hear anything, but the flashes were very bright. Then, there was just a few minutes, they disappeared. Did I see a UFO? — Carmen in Baltimore

Dear Sonya: I think someone is trying to poison me in my apartment. I keep smelling something unusual and I've been sick a lot. Can you help me? I don't know who's out to [illegible] — Willing in Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sonya: My 14-year-old granddaughter can't read or write and is in trouble in every class. Can you help me with this? I don't know what to do. — Worried Granny in Cadiz

PS: My prayers go out to Serena.

Dear Sonya: I really need to lose something, but so far I haven't been able to. I just want better health and a little happiness before I die. Would you please help me? — Coughing in Baltimore

Dear Sonya: Do you think I'll [illegible] What do you think? Will I ever [illegible]

Dear Sonya: My husband is always [illegible] — Wanting in Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sonya: Call it what you want, it's still a complete mystery. Have you thought of writing a book?

Dear Sonya: Do I have to [illegible]

Dear Sonya: I'm [illegible] — Waiting in Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sonya: My husband is [illegible] — Wan

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251 Be adamant
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155 Lone Ranger's sidekick
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198 Loosen
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201 Greek island
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Other _____

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☐ America's enemies (Saddam, Osama, etc.)
☐ 51st Century & Giveaways
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Do you like the Weekly World News double issues every month?
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GAL KEEPS 62 DEAD CATS IN HER FREEZER

MESILLA PARK, N.M. — Cops say they hauled 62 dead cats from the home of a woman who was keeping them company — and labeled in her freezer!

They also removed 700 live cats, which the woman reportedly had been talking to as well.

It took them two days to get the cats out of the house, after being alerted by neighbors who were bothered by the stink from inside.

While clearing the cats, they found the freezer full of plastic bottles. Cops say each bottle still was in a plastic bag labeled with the pet's description and date of death.

The woman was found unconscious in a dead faint and then released. Doctors will do examination on the dead cats to see if any died of neglect or mistreatment.

Authorities say the gal may also be fined for keeping more pets than the city allows.

Free apartment & $120 grand to wed a dead girl

HONG KONG — A couple is advertising a free apartment and a staggering $120,000 to any young man aged 25 to 35 who will marry their dead daughter!

As a condition of the gift, the groom will have to remain faithful to the dead bride.

Although $120,000 is a fortune in rural China, only five suitors responded the day after the ad first appeared, according to China Daily. The daughter died Feb. 15 at the age of 28, and the paper reported that staging "ghost marriages" for people who die young is an ancient Chinese custom that the Communists put a stop to when they came to power in China in 1949.

The couple will stage a wedding ceremony with personal belongings representing the bride. Her mother says she has dreamed the young woman is lonely without a husband in the after life.

HOUSE OF CRIMINALS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — One of America's most powerful organizations may also be one of its most corrupt, according to shocking statistics recently released by expert observers.

Of the group's 535 members:

- 317 have caused at least two businesses to go bankrupt
- 84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year
- 71 have such lousy a credit history they can't get a credit card
- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- 33 are now defendants in lawsuits
- 19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting

Government encourages teens to try oral sex!

LONDON — Bureaucrats are desperate to stop girls from getting pregnant, but they're not telling the kids to say "No" to sex. They're just telling them not to go all the way.

And the government-backed sex-education manual, called A Promise, is designed for kids under age 14.

The experts lecture the under-age youngsters about "pervert-stopping points," including oral pleasure and even some other unmentionable techniques.

It's taught to more than 100,000 children throughout England, which has the highest teen-pregnancy rate in Western Europe.

Appalled lawmakers are trying to get the class banned.

"I don't think anyone believes that teaching pupils about oral sex will stop them having full sex," says an opponent. "It is more likely to make them want to try it, and it doesn't protect them from sexually transmitted diseases."

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By KITTY FINE
Weekly World News

TOP 10 APRIL FOOLS' GAGS

BOCA RATON, Fla. — April Fools' Day is here, and you may find yourself stuck for just the right trick to play on your favorite pal or your worst enemy. After all, you can't repeat the brilliant moves you pulled last year.

You won't be caught prankless if you try a few of the wickedly humorous hijinks recommended by top tricksters.

But if you get in trouble, remember: You didn't read about them here!

SALE OF THE CENTURY Take out a classified ad offering to sell an expensive sports car for a dirt-cheap sum — and give your target's home or work number. They'll be flooded with phone calls!

SWEET REVENGE Make a car snob think some intruder has poured [illegible] into his gas tank. Take a funnel, cup it [illegible] and pour a pint of sugar and a pint of water into the gas tank, and leave the funnel and the bag there with a nasty but anonymous note. Your target will freak out but you haven't really done anything so you can't get in trouble.

CRIME SCENE FAKE-OUT Do this one when your coworker is due back from vacation. Put some yellow crime-scene tape around their work station. Then use tape to mark one of those dead body outlines on the floor. They'll come back and think a horrifying murder has occurred at their desk!

YOU ARE A LOSER Many pale shops sell fake scratch-off lottery tickets that declare everyone a winner of big bucks — until they turn [illegible]

HARMLESS FUN Cut most of the bottom out of a large box, fill the box with loose packing peanuts and put a piece of cardboard on the open top and flip the box over. Put this on a co-worker's desk. When they pick it up, the peanuts will fall out and cover everything!

read the humiliating truth on the back!

BUSH GAG Gals, if your husband or dad is the world's biggest Bush supporter then one is sure to rattle his cage. Let him "catch" you early in the morning sneaking out of the house with a "PEACE NOW" placard — wearing a flatbroad and nothing underneath. When concerned, tell the war lover that you're headed to an all-nude peace demonstration.

BIGFOOT BELLY LAUGH Over breakfast, casually read from the morning paper that some wacko reported seeing Bigfoot in the neighborhood. But as you leave for work, "find" what looks vaguely like a huge humanoid footprint on the front lawn and gasp in awe and laughter. "Maybe that's him!" Later on the day get a tall pal to amble past a window where your significant other is sure to see him clothed out in a gorilla suit.

SEX SWITCH Guys, convince your wife that you are about to have a sex change. But to make it believable let her figure it out by leaving clues around the house. An old medicine bottle labeled "Estrogen tablets," conveniently left on the sink, a few dresses borrowed from that hefty gal at the office, "hidden" in your closet; and a batterobe with an official looking contract form for the snip-and-tuck operation sticking out of the pocket. Call and say you have "something important" to tell the little woman over dinner. Let it sit over the meal. April Fools!

THREE WAY SHOCKER Get a friend to call your mate and confide that you've expressed a desire for a ménage a trois and that your buddy is your No. 1 choice for the three's company hookup.

Hints: Your friend should ask with genuine interest about any special things your mate likes done and should be the grossest-looking of all your companions.

SPLASHBACK SURPRISE One of the funniest April Fools' Day gags is also one of the cheapest. Simply lift the toilet seat in your friend's bathroom and wrap some plastic wrap around the rim completely covering the toilet. The plastic wrap will be impossible to see so no one will ever know it's there — until it's too late! When any guy or gal tries to use the bathroom, they'll get splattered!

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Jim Wyngall died in 1979 at the age of 67. Ralph Waite is 70. David Harper is 41. Will Geer died in 1978 at the age of 76. Ellen Corby died in 1999 at the age of 91. Mary Beth McDonough is 41. Eric Scott is 44 and Judy Norton-Taylor is 45.

MYSTERY EYES

Below are close-ups of seven famous people. Can you tell who they are? The answers are below.
HINTS: FAMOUS REBECAS

WHO ARE THEY?

1) Actress Jessica Alba
2) Actress Jessica Lange
3) Actress Jessica Biel
4) Actress Jessica Simpson
5) Cartoon character Jessica Rabbit

Your tarot fortune from Page 27 – REVEALED

Card No. 3: 7 of Wands
PATIENCE

Love: Do not jump into any new commitments with your partner until you are sure where they will take you. Singles: a reluctant suitor will come around if you just give them time.

Money: Be sure to not apply research any new venture for the next month. Gather information and wait until you're sure conditions are favorable.

Health: Follow your doctor's orders scrupulously for treatment of illness, even if you feel fine before the treatment is complete.

Card No. 3: 6 of Swords
MOVING ON

Love: Conflicts in your relationship may never be resolved, but a chance for something better will soon appear. Singles: It's time to release an old flame who tugs at your heart.

Money: Exciting new career opportunities are starting to open up for you, but they may lie elsewhere. Don't be lulled into staying loyal to the unpopular boss.

Health: Focusing too long on old hurts and resentments can actually hurt your physical health. Let go of these feelings.

Card No. 3: 7 of Wands
BETRAYAL

Love: A sudden flood of unexpected information could be a sign of impending heartbreak, but don't jump to conclusions. Singles: A close friend may be trying to come between you and your sweetheart.

Money: Someone else seems to be your ally now, actually be working against you. Think many before revealing sensitive information to this person.

Health: Beware of those who are pushing unnecessary treatments, even if they have good credentials.

Card No. 2: 5 of Cups
LONG-TERM GOALS

Love: Your relationship can become deeper and more meaningful if you and your partner take stock of your shared dreams for the future. Singles: seek a commitment with moderation.

Money: Small changes in your spending habits can lead to great wealth if you develop disciplined budget habits and are willing to make a few sacrifices. Avoid taking on more debt.

Health: Excess pleasures today may lead to pain tomorrow. Take the time to

Card No. 4: King of Wands
LEADERSHIP

Love: You may have to be the one who moves your relationship forward. Forget your personal disputes and work on what needs to a couple. Singles: romance blooms with self-promotion.

Money: Once you have achieved the power you seek, honor those below you. Remember that your success depends on their happiness.

Health: Those around you are affected by your emotions, so watch how you react to the world to

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SUE GOD?

'Hell No,' say our readers!

By KATE McCLARE
Weekly World News

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Readers raised fire and brimstone [illegible] very idea of suing God, a shocking story that *Weekly World News* broke [illegible] 25, [illegible]

We asked if you see any merit in the case, in which several lawyers hope to squeeze [illegible] bucks out of the Lord for "entrapment" in the Garden of Eden.

By an overwhelming majority, you told us they haven't got a prayer! And letters are still pouring in to our desk, most of them from outraged readers who stand by the Man Upstairs.

Sources in the legal community say this greedy group will intends to pursue the case, which could result in a huge financial settlement paid to every single person on Earth by world-wide religious organizations. And some of you did tell us you hope they go through with it.

Here's a sample of the letters we received.

* * *

To whom it may concern,

I think you are crazy to ever think you can sue God. You must be out of your mind. God doesn't owe anyone anything — you owe him. And the man that got struck by lightning (*Weekly World News*, October), 2002 — maybe he needed to be struck. Tell him to get a life and realize God he's not dead.

Anonymous
Tallahassee, Fla.

* * *

Dear Editor,

I wish to express my disgust with the lawyers who want to sue God. He is very powerful. He will let you burn forever if you don't turn your life over to him. Who do you think you are? God is always there and he will see everything we do. I am not having anything to do with this nonsense. So there, you will burn forever in hell!

Yours Truly,
Joanne P.
Greenwood, S.C.

* * *

Dear Editor,

My answer to the [illegible] also like to know just who would be paying this money if it does get into court and ends up with a judgment. The payment should come from all those churches which seem to be the only ones making any money these days.

Anonymous
Duncanville, Texas

* * *

Should Lawyers be allowed to sue God?

No. This is Blasphemy
Anonymous

* * *

Dear Weekly World News,

About the Scotsmund lawyers suing our beloved Father. They must not have ever read the Bible. I would hate to be those money-hungry lawyers. They will burn with their sins. God will punish them on judgment day, and maybe before then. I've read a lot of awful stuff in the Weekly World News, but no, I believe this is the worst. I'm afraid you will be getting a lot of letters about this. This makes me want to cry, doing our Dear Father that way. I could go on and on. The last thing I want to say is I hope our Dear Father in Heaven makes them pay for this awful thing. I will pray that he does.

EDITORS were deluged with heaps of letters like these.

FROM THE EDITORS OF
[illegible]

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HOW YOU CAN OWN A PIECE OF IRAQI LAND

U.S. government plans to give every American a piece of the Iraqi countryside – don't be left out!

WASHINGTON — A Super-secret White House initiative promises to take some of the sting out of the coming depression by giving every man, woman and child in America "a piece of Iraq" after we crush Saddam Hussein in the coming war.

Sources confirm that President George W. Bush hit on the plan after polls showed increasing numbers of Americans are beginning to believe that bombing Hussein and his country into oblivion and then sending a U.S. governor to run the place might not be such a good idea.

Details are sketchy. But a source familiar with the plan says Iraq "is going to be divvied up like the cake at a child's birthday party.

"Every American will be deeded a small, postage stamp-sized plot of Iraqi soil as a memento of our victory," the holder confided to reporters in Washington.

"And thousands of Americans, those with the best contacts in Congress and the White House, will get larger, vegetable garden-sized plots.

"If by luck your deeded plot is in the vicinity of an oil well, you and your descendants will raise in a shave of profits until the well runs dry.

"Other Americans will receive more conventional spoils of war — art objects and museum pieces, archaeological relics, precious metals and hard currency, even souvenirs like flags, empty arms gas containers, decommissioned ancient battle, and statues of Saddam, which stand on virtually every street corner in the country today and are expected to be coveted items after the war.

"I'd like to have one myself if for no other reason than to remind it to him with a sledgehammer."

There's one other perk that's sure to be distributed after the war, says the source, but it's highly unlikely anybody in Washington or the military will ever admit it.

"If you want an Iraqi woman, just [redacted] the source explains.

"There are plenty of Iraqi women dreaming of the day when they can shed their repressive lifestyles and meet some real men, namely, red-blooded Americans men.

"These gals will be lining up for miles waiting to claim one as soon as war ends. They'll willingly cook, clean, sew and subservise do his bidding. Like grateful pit bulls freed from oppression, they'll be eternally thankful for their newfound freedom."

STATUES of Saddam will likely become kitschy souvenirs overseas.

How YOU can get some of Osama's millions!

By LARRY HICKS
Weekly World News

HOUSTON — Here's another way to get rich off the depression: Arm yourself to the teeth and hunt for terror-kingpin Osama Bin Laden's kill-crazy henchmen. They almost always carry large sums of money and precious metals to finance terror operations in the United States and abroad.

And that's money, gold and silver that's ripe for the taking at the point of your gun!

"This isn't your grandmother's way to depression riches, but if you're handy with a rifle and don't mind a few risks, it might be right for you," says Texas bounty hunter Vincent Bains.

"Remember: Bin Laden is a spoiled-brat kid from an all-rich family and he's got millions in bank accounts all over the world. He funnels this money to terror cells in the United States. And because they don't use banks, they carry gold, silver and cash around in paper bags and briefcases.

"After 9-11, the world learned that these terrorists were spending money like water on travel, fancy restaurants, cars — you name it.

"By watching TV and checking out the wanted posters at the post office and on the Internet, you'll be aware of terrorists who may be living near you.

"By turning them down yourself you'll be free to take whatever spoils you want before you alert authorities so their whereabouts so deliver them to the bounty yourself.

"Taking Bin Laden's money and gold isn't the only way you make it on the gravelt. There are rewards offered for many terrorists. And if you manage to catch one or more of them, TV news shows and magazines will pay you even more money for exclusive rights to your story."

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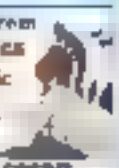

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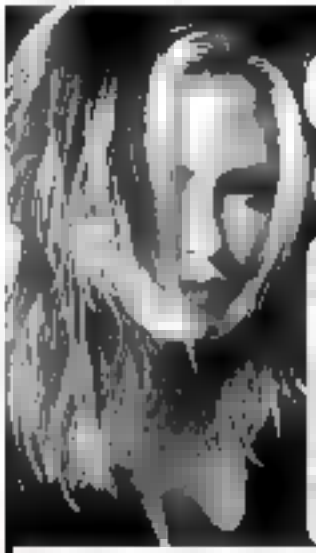


FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31

GIANT Horoscope

BY SONYA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Sonya Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	11, 19, 26, 29, 37, 41
TAURUS	[illegible]
GEMINI	2, 20, 26, 29, 41, 49
CANCER	[illegible]
LEO	1, 9, 23, 33, 34, 36
VIRGO	[illegible]
LIBRA	8, 10, 20, 33, 36, 49
SCORPIO	[illegible]
SAGITTARIUS	7, 9, 17, 19, 40, 43
CAPRICORN	[illegible]
AQUARIUS	1, 3, 7, 12, 24, 33

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Going helpful could backfire this week. Someone you try to aid may mistake your interest as a way to boost your esteem at their expense.

To silence a clock, avoid the number "13."

Help by giving spontaneous suggestions based on whatever comes to you at the moment. Close your photo before someone else does.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

A special someone finds you especially attractive at this time. Make sure this person is an old pal or chance to flirt.

Controversy and disputes could be everywhere this week so make it your short package!

There's a real possibility of scoring a K.O. if you join the battle — and that's something you desperately need now.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

A split-second decision could bring new adventure into your life. But a phone call may offer a reason to quit the play.

If life seems to have lost some of its pleasure, you've no one to blame but yourself. This is the week to add flash to your wardrobe, subscribe to a magazine or rekindle a fantasy romance with a pen pal!

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

Your ability — or your dominance — always seems to fight up a storm, so let 'er rip.

A wild story could spell trouble if you allow yourself to tell it. Your lucky numbers [19, 3, 44] could be especially important now.

You may encounter a blow to your self-esteem, but don't despair — it happens to most people at least once.

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

A random contact in the next few days may result in a major change in your life. Stay open to new experiences, however questionable.

You are the idol of a child and most of the love you shower on this youngster will not be wasted.

Your stars promise that prospects this week as long as you don't park a large car in a small garage.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Go slowly, think carefully and enjoy the stores to make money at any expense.

This is a good time to help loved ones with their problems — even if they don't want it!

Make the effort to contact family and friends and find out why they haven't contacted you. Before any meeting, scour the room for hidden agendas.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Your luck is likely to improve dramatically this week and you'd be wise to take advantage of it by risking it all.

Your ability to make quick decisions could prove to be an important asset when a friend shows up unexpectedly and needs tea and sympathy. Just don't throw pearls before swine. They may shake on them and leave you with the bill.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

An unusual opportunity may come your way this week and you should be ready to act fast. Get advice from strangers if necessary, but hurry or you might miss the boat.

Stubbornness could get in the way of a good time — however morally questionable. Watch for ones in black and uniforms. Those subpoenas aren't worth the paper they're written on.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Continue delaying a thankless chore that you've dreading.

You've had a real struggle keeping things together in recent weeks but it's not your fault. You're about to climb the final mountain.

A long legal restriction will be lifted. Seek out a close friend of the opposite sex you enjoy being with and allow yourself to be embarrassingly candid.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Don't feel bad about outbidding your enemies. After all, after a few, you're the life of any party!

Load up the weekend with adventure. Your sensitivity to others' needs may leave you vulnerable to those nastier part of your ability to manipulate any situation.

Beware of friendly overtures from those who won't give you what you need.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Petty little problems and heavy work will have your blood pressure in a spin. Don't worry, it will all work out — or completely collapse.

Face the weekend with a smile on your lips and a glow in your belly.

Confidence holds you in good stead as you approach those in charge with a new idea. Remember, they called Einstein crazy!

PISCES

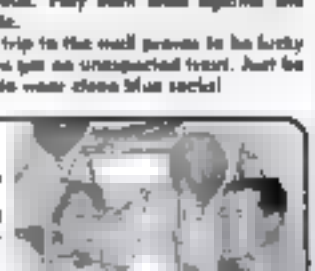
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

The power of your positive thinking will be contagious and help you get unexpected approval.

There's been some petty bickering among friends that may become a ringing bond. Play both ends against the middle.

A trip to the mall proves to be lucky as you get an unexpected treat. Just be sure to wear clean blue socks!

If your birthday is this week . . .



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Benjamin Franklin was the first head of the U.S.

By Austin Mitchell

Beavers and bald eagles both mate for life

Nicolas Cage ate a live cockroach as part of his role in *Vampire's Kiss*. When under extreme stress, such as captivity, octopuses will eat their own arms, which grow back. Male monkeys go bald the same way that men do.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week.

Here's more:

● After receiving an earth [illegible] to be their queen, Zsa Zsa Gabor quipped that space would be the perfect honeymoon because "there will be no one there to tell me to keep my mouth shut."

● And when [illegible] plan that Angelina Jolie [illegible] follow the swimming doings of Hilary Lara Croft in Tomb Raider," she said she lifted weights and added, "Anything we can do to distract Nick Nolte from [illegible] is a little more simple."

● In 2001 Doris Mainwaring [illegible] Jesse Jackson that with the Halle Berry [illegible] the most important question that I think you could ask." Ventura later re-

Mosquitoes are attracted to the color blue Twice as much as any other color

[illegible] jumped: "Have you seen Goldilocks?"

● In 16th and 17th-century Beijing, one [illegible] revenge against one's superiors by placing live[illegible] caterpillars in their food. The whiskers [illegible] would get caught in the victim's digestive tract and cause stress and infections.

● French anatomist Guido [illegible] MD surgical [illegible]

● Los Angeles Dodgers [illegible] pitcher Orel[illegible] credited with reviving the team's high level in 1977.

● During a game the celebrity of a pitched baseball is 8 miles an hour faster than the pitcher's usual [illegible] when it crosses the plate.

● A study by [illegible] researcher Frank [illegible] Hu and the Harvard School of Public Health found that women who [illegible] are at up to a [illegible] increased risk of high blood pressure and coronary vascular disease.

● Kissing was [illegible] fashion in the [illegible]

According to the British tabloid London Daily Star, Jennifer Lopez requested Ben Affleck sign a [illegible]

THE FACTS

● Pigs have no sweat glands, which is why they wallow in water or mud to keep cool.

● Wall Street in New York was named because it ran along the wall that was built by 17th-century farmers to keep their

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The wives of Burt Reynolds, Nelson Mimm and Joseph Wiggins, the confirmed bachelor has an unique sexual perception. I think it's the result of Burt when I'm making love to my husband," she said. "But Marge's voice turns him on a lot."

● Chinese doctor Yil Brenner was unavailable to comment on Dinner Is Served Wed. for the television cop. Can Imagine The Wonder of That.

● Thomas Edison holds the U.S. record for the greatest number of patented inventions by a single individual with 1,093.

● The [illegible] ship [illegible] is shown in [illegible] a literature.

● "Crayola" [illegible] name of the French word for chalk "craie" and "ola" meaning oily or oleaginous," which [illegible] waxy.

● The National Forest Water Fishing Hall of Fame is at Hayward, Wis. It is shaped like a muskie.

● Sultan

U.S. [illegible] decided the [illegible] in the early 18th century. Dr. Miller's Compound Extract of Tomato.

● The Manhattan cocktail whiskey and sweet vermouth [illegible] was invented by Winston Churchill's mother Jennie.

● Another slang for the [illegible] is "chump."

● In McGee, Polly Shelby is a law on the books that requires a [illegible] on the taste of all citizens of all [illegible] Exceptions include [illegible] spend visiting patients in [illegible] people are attending funerals [illegible] otherwise. Up Elm is with

● Stacy Gal[illegible] weight who is best known as

Camels were used as pack animals in Nevada and Arizona as late as 1870.

She said it. "So, where's the Cannes Film Festival being held this year?" — Christina Aguilera

Invented in the U.S. Empire when lawyers in Connecticut were required to wear their wigs.

● For years, the British Royal Family kept a large herd of pigs at Windsor Castle.

● It was once the practice at Yale to present a pig and let it loose among a number of [illegible] contestants. The man who successfully caught the greased pig could keep it. Since the practice [illegible]

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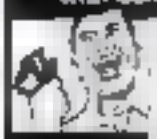

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GIANT EARTHWORMS TERRORIZING NEVADA!

[redacted] City — The discovery of a 6-foot earthworm with shark-like [redacted] and the girth of a fire hose has Nevadans running scared now [redacted] investigators have confirmed that the creature and others like it have been attacking and eating dogs, cats, ducks, chickens and other small farm animals!

And there's no reason to believe that a small child or slow-moving senior citizen won't be next, they say in reports that are expected to be made public within the next two weeks.

"This is no joke," a source with the Nevada Parks and Wildlife Department told reporters at a hastily called "background meeting" in Austin.

"Unlike ordinary earthworms, these things are big and they eat meat."

"They take their prey, they burrow up to the surface and lie in wait. And then — boom, like cobras, they strike.

"Look at the mouth on that thing — it's like what you find on a bass," he continued, shaking his head as he tapped a stark, black-and-white photograph with a stainless steel pointing rod.

"The only other place I've seen teeth like that is in a shark." And nobody is sure when the worms began their killing spree.

When pets and small animals started disappearing in unusually large numbers throughout Nevada late last year, authorities were content to blame the usual list of suspects, including coyotes, poachers, fake bat crazies and kill small animals to test the fitness of products for human use, and Satan worshippers who rely on critters for blood sacrifices.

All this changed on Feb. 24, says the source, when an unidentified homeowner spotted one of the worms in her backyard and killed it with a shovel and a gallon of gasoline. But that even wildlife officials suspected the creature of being a killer until then.

Chihuahua — wearing a hand-tooled leather collar marked "Conchita" — in one of the creature's four stomachs.

An investigation that included interviews with dozens of ranchers, farmers and homeowners suggested that the worms eating a "home-

GIANT worm holes are the landscape all over Nevada.

wolf killer." The worm is likely one of hundreds that are now burrowing — and attacking innocent prey — throughout the region.

"This is an 'anomalous animal' that is the best of our knowledge, represents either a new species or a genetic fluke," says the source, who admits that attempts at worm control "aren't working" and people are beginning to "run scared."

"With no known predators to keep the worms under control, the situation is going to get worse before it gets better," continues the source, who in response to a reporter's query characterized as "merely nonresidential" the fact that the giant earthworms have come to light just as *Tremors*, a TV series featuring prehistoric sandworms and "anomalous" creatures, began airing March 26 on the Sci Fi Channel.

The show also deals with huge earthworms in Nevada.

"Judging from holes and burrows we've found over a significant portion of western Nevada, the 6-foot worm that was killed may be an 'adolescent,' meaning adults could be bigger.

"If that's the case, small animals and pets are exclusively at risk. A 15- or 20-footer could handle larger prey. Children and perhaps even women — who could be attacked and consumed slowly over a long period of time — could be at risk.

"The challenge today is to find out where they came from and how to control them before somebody gets hurt."

If you see a giant earthworm, the source advises, do not attempt to capture or kill it yourself.

"Local authorities are trained and equipped," he explains. "If you encounter one of these things, call the police."

— By CHUCK TAYLOR

HOLD THAT TIGER! Park employee displays giant earthworm recently captured

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INCREDIBLE PHOTO taken from a helicopter shows what appear to be tears trickling from the eyes of Lady Liberty

Baffled scientists confirm . . .

By MIKE FOSTER
Weekly World News

STATUE OF LIBERTY IS CRYING

DR. HANSON Jackford, a New York chemist who has debunked dozens of phony "crying Madonna" cases, says that Lady Liberty's teardrops are human.

NEW YORK — Baffled scientists have confirmed that the Statue of Liberty is crying — jumbo droplets that each contain a staggering 6 gallons of water!

What the seemingly paranormal manifestation means has become a hotly debated subject among observers — with opponents of war against Iraq suggesting that Lady Liberty is crying "in grief" because she can't bear the thought of America invading another country without sufficient cause.

"It's totally against our traditions for America to strike first — it doesn't surprise me a bit that the Statue of Liberty is crying," declares a spokesman for New Yorkers United for Peace Now.

But supporters of the war effort have a totally different interpretation of the giant symbol of freedom's eerie behavior.

They note that the majestic figure was a gift from France and propose that the statue is weeping in shame because of her mother country's refusal to back America's bid to oust brutal dictator Saddam Hussein.

"The towering, 305 foot statue, which has stood in New York Harbor since 1886, was first seen crying by tourists on February 25.

ant glob of water about the size of a television set came down and hit the ground right next to us," says Hiro Toshimura, 31, of Tokyo.

Since then, researchers aboard helicopters have photographed tears running down from the statue's eyes.

The City of New York, already worried about security for the statue in the wake of 9-11, has been playing down the unexplained occurrence.

Experts search for meaning of the Liberty Island Miracle!

TOURIST Hiro Toshimura

"We don't want people crowding around at the base of the statue — somebody might get hurt by those heavy drops and sue the city," said a source in the Mayor's office.

"We're also concerned about what effect those saline tears might have on the statue's copper skin. The city spent a fortune restoring the statue's coat back in the 1980s. We don't want it ruined."

Dr. Hanson Jackford, a prominent New York chemist is one of at least a dozen scientists who've been asked to conduct a quiet probe of the matter. Thus far he's the only one who's spoken to the press — and only after repeated pestering by phone.

He says he's "virtually certain" something supernatural is happening.

"The Vatican has asked for my help in 35 crying Madonna cases around the world," the researcher reveals. "I debunked every single one. But in this case, a chemical analysis leaves no doubt that Lady Liberty's tears are real.

"If there's trickery involved, it's hard to imagine how it's been pulled off. There's no way anyone could have rigged the statue to cry without literally dozens of maintenance officials and workers being aware of it."

Despite efforts to keep the story under wraps, rumors have leaked out and in recent days the number of visits to the landmark has soared.

Since the statue cries only intermittently, for a few minutes each day, and mostly at night, many of the visitors have been disappointed.

Another Japanese tourist reinvented in hand, waiting for it to cry — to no avail.

"I really want to get the statue crying," he says. "Maybe I come back tomorrow."

LADY LIBERTY STATS

- Height (ground to tip of torch) — 305 feet, 1 inch
- Length of hand — 16 feet, 5 inches
- Index finger — 8 feet
- Head height — 17 feet, 3 inches
- Head width (from ear to ear) — 10 feet
- Width of eye — 2 feet, 6 inches
- Length of nose — 4 feet, 6 inches
- Length of right arm — 42 feet
- Thickness of right arm — 12 feet
- Thickness of waist — 35 feet
- Width of mouth

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